COMPUTER READABLE STORAGE MEDIUM FOR ENHANCING LICENSE COMPLIANCE OF SOFTWARE/DIGITAL CONTENT INCLUDING SELF-AC-TIVATING/SELF-AUTHENTICATING SOFTWARE/DIGITAL CONTENT

Abstract

A computer readable storage medium includes data for reducing unauthorized use of software designated for protection via a corresponding identifier associated with the software. The identifier is detected by an authorized representative entity that may be resident on a user computer, network, or device; remotely located relative to the user; or both. The resident authorized representative entity may be contained on the computer readable storage medium or downloaded to provide a self activating and self authenticating turnkey solution. During the first use or transfer of the content designated for protection, the authorized representative generates a password or authentication code based on user system information and links the code to the content. Subsequent

use or access to the content requires that the current system information at least partially match the system information of the authorized system encoded in the authorization code or codes associated with the content.